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SUBJ: PRESIDENT EYADEMA CRITICIZES US FOR FAILURE MAKE ISRAEL

APPLY SC RES 242

REF: A. LOME 1708 (NOTAL) B. STATE 209574 (NOTAL)

1. IN SPEECH AT OPENING OF MEETING (REF A) OF MIXED COMMISSION
OF PARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCE OF EEC AND ASSOCIATED AFRICAN STATES
IN LOME 26 OCTOBER (SEPTTEL) PRESIDENT EYADEMA BLAMED US BY
NAME FOR ISRAEL'S FAILURE TO IMPLEMENT SC RES 242. FOLLOWING
IS EMBASSY'S UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION OF PERTINENT PORTION OF
OFFICIAL TEXT OBTAINED BY PAO ROTUNDO FROM GOVERNMENT RADIO
STATION:

"SO GREAT HAS BEEN OUR BITTERNESS AT SEEING RE-IGNITED
MIDDLE EAST WAR THAT WE HAVE NOT HESITATED TO CHOOSE
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BETWEEN JUSTICE AND FORCE AND WE CONGRATULATE OURSELVES

TO SEE NINE EEC COUNTRIES ADOPT ON THIS GRAVE QUESTION POSITIONS VERY CLOSE TO OURS. BUT THIS WAR UNDERLINES ONCE MORE THE ENORMOUS RESPONSIBILITY OF THE SUPER-POWERS IN THE CONFLICT SINCE UNITED STATES HAS NEVER BEEN ABLE OR NEVER WISHED TO MAKE ISRAEL APPLY UN RES 242, AND SINCE THE BELLIGERENTS HAVE ALWAYS BEEN ABLE TO OBTAIN ARMS FROM ONE SIDE OR THE OTHER."

2. SINCE RECEIPT REF B, I HAVE ALREADY PLANNED SPEAK TO PRESIDENT ON FIRST SUITABLE OCCASION TO "INSURE BEST POSSIBLE APPRECIATION US POLICY." I NOW BELIEVE IT EVEN MORE IMPORTANT THAT I REQUEST APPOINTMENT WITH HIM FOR THIS PURPOSE AT WHICH, UNLESS DEPT PERCEIVES SOME OBJECTION, I WOULD PLAN TO ALLUDE SPECIFICALLY TO HIS REMARKS TO PARLIAMENTARIANS.

3. EARLY CALL ON PRESIDENT MAY, OF COURSE, BE DIFFICULT TO ARRANGE (ALTHOUGH HE IS USUALLY FAR MORE APPROACHABLE TO AMBASSADORS THAN IS HIS FOREIGN MINISTER HUNLEDE), SINCE PARLIAMENTARIANS ARE IN TOWN AND I HAVE HEARD UNCONFIRMED REPORT HE MAY LEAVE AS EARLY AS OCTOBER 30 FOR POSTPONED VISIT TO LIBYA. I SEE NO ADVANTAGE IN SPEAKING TO ANYONE IN FOREIGN MINISTRY SINCE I DO NOT THINK HIS SPEECHES ARE BEING WRITTEN THERE. EVEN IF HUNLEDE WERE IN TOWN, WHICH HE IS NOT, I WOULD PREFER TO SEE PRESIDENT WHO IS STILL MOST REASONABLE PERSON TO DEAL WITH ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS QUESTION.
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